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YuKao AND WIFE, "STEGE'S" RELEASE, OGYUST

(1943)

From: STOCKHOLM

To: MOSCOW

No.: 3292

8th December 1943

To DIREKTOR.

YuKhO[i] with his wife

[5 groups unrecovered]

The Swedes have stated in secret that they propose [2 groups unrecovered]

3 to 4 weeks to free "STEGE"[ii].

OGYuST[iii]

[12 groups unrecovered]

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To LANOV[v]

[53 groups unrecovered]

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Comments: [1] YuKhO: i.e. The Finnish first name "JUHO"; unidentified covername. First occurrence.

[ii] STEGE: Vasilij SIDORENKO, head of the INTURIST Bureau in STOCKHOIM. He was arrested on espionage charges on 25th September 1942, but later released because of illness and left for the U.K. on 27th February 1944. See also MOSCOW's No. 705 of 28th September 1942 (3/NBF/T1556).

(iii) OGYUST: i.e. "AUGUSTE"; unidentified covername. Also occurs in MOSCOW's Nos. 277 of 15th April 1942 (3/NBF/T1740), 774 of 14th October 1942 (unpublished), 941 of 30th November 1942 (unpublished) and 969 of 9th December 1942 (3/NBF/T1610) and STOCKHOLM's No. 821 of 30th April 1942 (unpublished).

[iv] ORN: " i.e. "ORNE"; probably Lt. Col. Serafim Efimovich PINYuGIN, Assistant Soviet Military and Air Attaché in STOCKHOLM.

[v] LANOV: Col. BALITENKO, cipher officer in MOSCOW.



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